



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special Concurrent City Council and Planning Commission Worksession

July 27, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The concurrent worksession was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:00 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

Council Members Present: Edwina Garcia, Mayor Pro Tempore; Pat Elliott; Tom Fitzhenry; and Michael Howard.

Council Member Absent: Debbie Goettel, Mayor.

Planning Commission Members Present: Rick Jabs, Chair; Sean Hayford Oleary; Erin Vrieze Daniels; Susan Rosenberg; Daniel Kitzenberger.

Planning Commission Members Absent: Charles Standfuss and Gordon Vizecky.

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director; Bill Fillmore, Liquor Operations Director; Betsy Osborn, Support Services Supervisor; and Melissa Poehlman, City Planner.

Others Present: Addison Lewis, Community Engagement Specialist - WSB & Associates, Inc.

| Item #1 | DISCUSSION REGARDING A TAPROOM ORDINANCE (COUNCIL MEMO. NO. 69) |
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Community Development Director Stark introduced the topic and Addison Lewis, Community Engagement Specialist from WSB & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Lewis summarized the definition, function and characteristics of the various types of facilities. He further described how other cities treat some of these facilities.

Council Member Fitzhenry asked if there was any conflict between these facilities and a city like Richfield that has municipal liquor operations.

Liquor Operations Director Fillmore responded that there was not.

Council Member Fitzhenry inquired as to if the City has been approached by any brewpubs or distilleries.

Community Development Director Stark responded that two tap rooms have approached the City. Currently, no micro-distilleries have approached the City.

Support Services Supervisor Osborn summarized the current types of liquor licensing in the City Code.

There was general discussion regarding the required ratio of liquor/alcohol and food and the use of food trucks to provide food for tap rooms.

Council Member Howard and Planning Commission Member Kitzenberger suggested that tap rooms are likely to bring new customers into Richfield rather than taking customers from existing businesses.

Community Development Director Stark stated the City can limit the number of tap room licenses.

The general consensus was to put a question regarding tap rooms on Richfield Connect for community input.

Further discussion continued regarding looking at a broad ordinance and food availability at tap rooms.

The concurrent worksession was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:48 p.m.

Date Approved: August 11, 2015.

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Steven L. Devich
Acting City Clerk

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